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## UPDATE OF ROBERTSON FARM EXCAVATIONS

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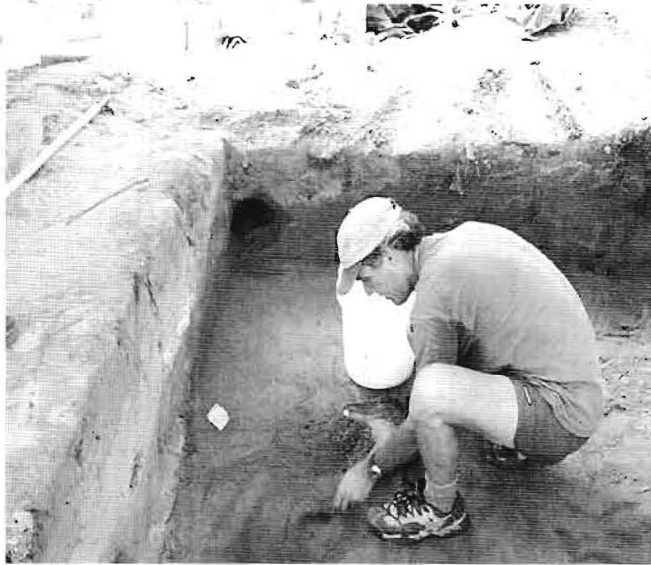
Excavation at archaeological site 38PN35 resumed in August 2006. Jesse Robertson, Jeff Catlin, and Roger Lindsay assisted Dr. Chris Clement with the research during some very hot weather. When the site was closed down last winter the excavated areas were covered with plastic to protect them until our return. When we inspected

dirt was removed, it was sifted to recover any possible artifacts. Well, the photograph says it better than I can tell it.

In the absence of the "whistle pig," things settled down,



Artifacts from the hole "excavated" by the whistle pig. (SCIAA photo)



Chris Clement excavating at 38PN35. (SCIAA photo)

the site prior to resuming work, a large amount of dirt was under a portion of the plastic cover. At first glance we thought that a wall had collapsed or that rain had washed the fill in. An inspection showed that neither had happened, the culprit was a groundhog, locally called a "whistle pig." As the critter's fill

soon as we can raise the funds, we will send a number of carbon samples for dating and also botanical remains for analysis. Those who wish to

and the excavation progressed nicely. The site was completed at the end of August. As

make a contribution, may send a check to Tommy Charles, SCIAA, 1321 Pendleton Street, Columbia, SC 29208. Make the check out to the USC Educational Foundation, Account # 1A-3868. Thanks for your continuing support.



The "whistle pig" was captured and set free in another location away from the excavation unit. (SCIAA photo)

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